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Separate kitchens for political prisoners.

*22 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state in how many of the Central jails separate kitchens have been provided for political prisoners?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to rule 348 of the Madras Jail Manual.

Police

Instructions to the District officials to deal with civil disobedience movement.

* 23 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders or instructions, written or verbal, have been issued either by the Government or by the Inspector-General of Police, to the Collectors of districts or the District Superintendents of Police not to arrest and prosecute and fill the jails with volunteers who disobey the law; if so, what are the said instructions;

(b) whether any assurance, official or demi-official, written or verbal, had been issued to the officers of Government that any actions which they may be doing in putting down civil disobedience would be condone by Government, or that the Government would be supporting them; if so, what are the assurances or orders; and

(c) what are the orders and instructions, written or otherwise, issued to the District Collectors and Superintendents of Police regarding how they should combat civil disobedience movement; and by whom were they issued?

A.—(a) No such orders have been issued.

(b) The hon. Member probably has in mind [a] G.O. No. 766 (S-14) Public (General), dated 23rd June 1930, a copy of which is attached.

(c) The instructions are confidential and it would not be in the public interest to disclose the purport of them.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" Sir, the answer to clause (a) of the question is 'No such orders have been issued'. May I know whether any instructions were issued, and if so, may I know what those instructions are?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" It is obvious from the answer to clause (c). The instructions are confidential."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know what are the several ways in which they are going to support their officers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" There are no special ways."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—" May I know whether the Government have come across till now any case in which their orders have been exceeded by their officers? And may I know whether any police man has been brought to book for that?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" As far as I remember, there has been no such case."

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 174 infra.